

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Newsom Cory T</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 5219 CITY BANK PARKWAY  (Street) LUBBOCK TX 79407-3544  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/09/2019	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SOUTH PLAINS FINANCIAL, INC.</u> [ SPFI ]	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	156,404 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	750	I	By child <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	71,538	I	by ESOP <sup>(3)</sup>

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Stock Options (right to buy)	(4)	12/31/2019	Common Stock	6,000	9.49	D
Stock Options (right to buy)	(4)	12/31/2020	Common Stock	9,000	10.03	D
Stock Options (right to buy)	(4)	12/31/2021	Common Stock	9,000	11.03	D
Stock Options (right to buy)	(4)	12/31/2022	Common Stock	9,000	12.03	D
Stock Options (right to buy)	(4)	12/31/2023	Common Stock	9,000	10.33	D
Stock Options (right to buy)	(4)	12/31/2024	Common Stock	9,000	5.88	D
Stock Options (right to buy)	(4)	12/31/2025	Common Stock	9,000	8.6	D

**Explanation of Responses:**

- 46,904 of the shares reported represent restricted stock units that may be settled only by delivery of an equal number of shares of common stock and which are subject to vesting and forfeiture.
- Shares held for the benefit of Mr. Newsom's minor child.
- Shares held by the ESOP and allocated to Mr. Newsom's account.
- These stock options are fully exercisable.

/s/ Cory T. Newsom 05/09/2019

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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